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"Valley Forge:
The Reality
and
The Symbol"

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EXHIBIT PROGRESSION AND GUIDE TO FLOOR PLAN AND PHOTOGRAPHS

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Introduction

I. The Reality

A. Early History of Valley Forge

1. Bronze statue of William Penn by Calder

B. Life in Pre-Revolutionary Valley Forge

2. Kitchen scene

C. The Coming of War

3. Exhibit case with Hessian helmet pieces, an original map of the Battle of Brandywine, Hessian musket, map of British encampment near Valley Forge

D. Eyewitness Accounts

4. Showing visitor reading transcripts and photocopies of original documents from Washington, Wayne, Greene, etc. on campaign to and in the Valley Forge Encampment.

E. The Encampment

5. Rifleman's equipment
6. Enlistedman's equipment
7. Officers and their equipment
8. Officer's equipment showing Lafayette's brazier and Washington's medecine chest

F. The Situation Changes

9. Influence of foreign officers (Lafayette, Steuben) on improving the army
10. Mural commissioned for the exhibit showing the departure of the American Army

II. The Symbol

A. Valley Forge Ignored

B. George WAshington: America's Patriotic Hero

C. First Acknowledgements

11. Emergence of Valley Forge symbol in written histories, speeches, and celebration

D. Valley Forge as a Legend

12. Paintings and engravings depict legends such as Washington kneeling in prayer at Valley Forge the bloody footprints, the starving freezing army

E. Valley Forge in Artistic Expression

13. Paintings and sculpture express myths associated with Washington and Valley Forge

F. Events and Individuals honoring Valley Forge

14. Photographs and speeches depict eulogization of Valley Forge
15. Photographs, documents, and newspaper articles relate the growth of Valley Forge as a historic site

G. Monuments and Memorials to Valley Forge

16. Postcards, documents, and artifacts show the development of the Washington Memorial and other Valley Forge memorials

H. Valley Forge in the Popular Consciousness

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Anthony Wayne
Lachlan McIntosh
J. Peter G. Muhlenberg
George Weedon
Peter Muhlenberg
James Ewing

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"Destitute of clothing, destitute of provisions,
destitute of everything, but their trust
in God, and faith in their immortal leader,
they went through that winter."

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